

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF A PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one proposed rescission of budgetary resources, totaling \$10 million.

The proposed rescission affects the Department of Energy.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 1997.

REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress the Twenty-fifth Annual Report on Environmental Quality.

As a nation, the most important thing we can do as we move into the 21st century is to give all our children the chance to live up to their God-given potential and live out their dreams. In order to do that, we must offer more opportunity and demand more responsibility from all our citizens. We must help young people get the education and training they need, make our streets safer from crime, help Americans succeed at home and at work, protect our environment for generations to come, and ensure that America remains the strongest force for peace and freedom in the world. Most of all, we must come together as one community to meet our challenges.

Our Nation's leaders understood this a quarter-century ago when they launched the modern era of environmental protection with the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA's authors understood that environmental protection, economic opportunity, and social responsibility are interrelated. NEPA determined that the Federal Government should work in concert with State and local governments and citizens "to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans."

We've made great progress in 25 years as we've sought to live up to that chal-

lenge. As we look forward to the next 25 years of environmental progress, we do so with a renewed determination. Maintaining and enhancing our environment, passing on a clean world to future generations, is a sacred obligation of citizenship. We all have an interest in clean air, pure water, safe food, and protected national treasures. Our environment is, literally, our common ground.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 412. An act to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District.

H.R. 514. An act to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 672. An act to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code.

H.R. 927. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 410. A bill to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 924. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of the victims to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 672. An act to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 927. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 471. A bill to amend the Television Program Improvement Act of 1990 to restore the

applicability of that Act to agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material and to revise the agreements on guidelines covered by that Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. REID, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 472. A bill to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 473. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the standards used for determining that certain individuals are not employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 474. A bill to amend sections 1081 and 1084 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 475. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the excise tax treatment of draft cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 476. A bill to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 477. A bill to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the consultation with the Governor and State legislature prior to the establishment by the President on national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 478. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Boodie Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 479. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide estate tax relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 480. A bill to repeal the restrictions on welfare and public benefits for aliens; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 481. A bill to prohibit certain abortions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: